

ARE NOT IN PROPORTION

Vice-President Bird, of Gould Lines Talks of Railroad Rates in Southwest.

40 PER CENT OF VALUE

Is Charged on Necessary Commodities --Thinks Tariff Should Be Governed by Profits Made.

Washington, May 13.—A. C. Bird, vice president of the Gould lines, before the senate interstate commerce commission, said today: "In dealing with the question as to the reasonableness of the rates on a given commodity there can be but one intelligent line of procedure, viz: to ascertain if the carrier, under investigation as to its rates, is earning more than a reasonable profit per ton, and when that is attained, if the article which is subject to complaint, is rated unreasonably high in proportion to the rate on other articles, value and risk of duty considered."

Mr. Bird presented a statement giving the rates on carloads of various kinds of merchandise between certain southwestern points to illustrate that what he said is relative to the reasonableness of cattle rates in that territory. This showed that cattle rates are 13 per cent of the value of the property carried while the rates on lumber, hay, fruit, wire nails and other things range from 23.6 per cent to 40 per cent of the value of the properties carried.

Bryan Admires President's Stand on Rate Legislation.

Kansas City, May 13.—William Jennings Bryan was the guest of honor and the principal speaker at a dinner given by the Knife and Fork Club of this city last night. Mr. Bryan stated that he admired the position of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft upon the question of railroad rate legislation. When asked if he thought the President would call a special session of congress and urge upon that body the necessity of immediate legislation, Mr. Bryan refused to commit himself. In regard to the recent Irquols Club banquet in Chicago, at which President Roosevelt was the guest of honor, Mr. Bryan said:

"I was gratified at the recent expression of good will of the Democrats in Chicago, toward the President and I am glad that the Democrats of the Nation are supporting President Roosevelt in his position on railroad rate legislation."

WHEAT ACREAGE IS LARGE.

According to Returns Received by the Bureau of Statistics in Department of Agriculture.

Washington, May 13.—Returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics, department of agriculture, up to May 1st, show the area of winter wheat under cultivation on that date to have been about 29,723,000 acres.

This is 1,432,000 acres, or 4.6 per cent less than the acre sown last fall, and 2,585,000 acres, or 1.6 per cent more than the area of winter wheat harvested last year. Of the area abandoned or plowed under, 356,000 acres are reported from Kansas and 205,000 acres, including cutting for hay, from California.

For the 29,723,000 acres remaining under cultivation the average condition on May 1st was 92.5, against 91.6 on April 1st, for the entire acreage sown; of 76.5 for the area remaining under cultivation on May 4th, 1904, and 83.7, the mean of the May average for the last ten years.

The average condition of winter rye on May 1st was 93 per cent, as compared with 92.1 on April 1st, 1905; 81.1 on the corresponding date in 1903, and 88.1, the mean of the May average for the last ten years.

TO JOIN COLORADO SOUTHERN.

A New Railroad Files Its Charter to Build From New Orleans—Has Local Directors.

New Orleans, May 13.—The Colorado Southern, New Orleans & Pacific Railway has filed a charter here to build a railroad from New Orleans to connect with the Colorado & Southern and thence to the Pacific coast. The charter bears the names of local directors, but gives no inkling as to whether these are or are not the real backers of the plan.

PREFERRED STOCK IS INCREASED \$100,000,000.

Salt Lake City, May 13.—The Union Pacific Railway Company has filed with the secretary of state amended articles of incorporation increasing the amount of its preferred stock \$100,000,000, as authorized on Friday last at the special meeting of stockholders held in this city. A fee of \$95,000 was paid into the state treasury last Thursday, when the amended articles were filed.

LAND OFFICE CHANGES.

President Roosevelt Has Reduced the Number and Several Clerks Are to Be Transferred.

Washington, May 13.—The President killed something besides bears during his sojourn in Colorado. He ordered the discontinuance of several land districts, and their consolidation with other offices. Ironton and Booneville, Missouri, were among the list. The order is to become effective July 1. The two Missouri offices mentioned are ordered consolidated with the office at Springfield, which will then be the only public land office in that state. The consolidation of these offices has been forecasted for several months. By this order two registers and two receivers will be deprived of government positions. John E. Watson has been register at Booneville only since December 4, last. Herman Schmidt, receiver at the same office has held his position since May 14, 1899. At Ironton, George Steele, register, has served since August 4, 1898, and Sanford Russell, receiver, since August 4, 1897. Cornelius N. Van Hosen, register, and John H. Duncan, receiver, at the Springfield office, will transact the combined business of the three offices, with the assistance, probably, of an additional clerk, who may be transferred from Oklahoma, where the forces are being also reduced. Mr. Van Hosen has been in the office since January 1, 1904, and Mr. Duncan since April 1, 1902. The compensation in each of these offices has been \$500 per annum and fees up to \$2,500, the total not to exceed \$3,000 per annum. At least four clerks, and probably six, are to be transferred from land offices in Oklahoma to other states. One each will likely be taken from Lawton and Woodward, and today R. E. Huthrie, a clerk in the El Paso office, was ordered transferred to the office at Walla Walla, Washington.

IMPROVEMENTS ON ROCK ISLAND

The El Paso Division of the Road Will Receive Gumbo Ballast—Kansas End to Get Rock.

Topeka, Kansas, May 13.—A steam shovel has been sent to the Rock Island gumbo beds at Solomon, Kansas, and work will begin this week on the proposition for transferring the gumbo ballast to the points where it will be used in ballasting the tracks on the El Paso division. At first it is expected that no less than fifty carloads of ballast will be gotten out per day and distributed along the right of way southwest of Herington. This quantity per day may be increased later in the summer. The work of ballasting on the El Paso division has been delayed for various reasons, but beginning with next week the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Rock ballast is being placed on the lines of the Kansas division, and the work has been progressing very satisfactorily during the past month. About 800 men are now employed in this work on the Kansas division.

SIGHT SEVENTEEN WARSHIPS.

Vessels Are Seen Off Three Kings' Rocks, Near the Entrance to Van Fong Bay.

Hong Kong, May 13.—Seventeen warships were sighted during the evening of May 10, twelve miles off Three Kings' Rocks, near the entrance of Van Fong Bay. Transports were seen in Kuabepas, Hon Kohe Bay, seventy-five miles north of Kamranh Bay, on the same day.

REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

United States Marshal Matthews, of Oregon, Not in Sympathy With Prosecutions.

Washington, May 13.—Walter F. Matthews, of Portland, United States marshal for the district of Oregon, has been removed by order of President Roosevelt. It is understood the action was taken at the instance of the U. S. Attorney in Oregon, who, it is said, believed that Mr. Matthews was not in sufficient harmony with the prosecution of the land fraud cases now being conducted in that state.

DROWNED IN RIO GRANDE

SOUTH OF LAS CRUCES.

While attempting to drive cattle across the Rio Grande near old Fort Seldon, south of Las Cruces, Denam Walters was drowned. He and three other men were trying to get the animals to go through the water and some of them refused to cross, turning around and starting back the way they had come. Walters, in turning his horse while in midstream, forced the animal's head under the water and both he and the horse were drowned. The body of the dead man was recovered several miles down the river.

HAS MANAGED

HIS LAST FIGHT.

Philadelphia, May 13.—Joseph Macias, who has managed many pugilists and who is known to the sporting fraternity all over the country, died here today of bright's disease.

SENSATION IN RUSSIA

A Nurse Attempts to Drown Infant Heir in Bath of Boiling Water.

ADMIRAL IS KILLED

Discharged Orderly Fatally Shoots Prominent Naval Officer in a Fit of Rage.

Paris, May 13.—There was a rumor on the Bourse today of an attempt on the life of the Russian Emperor and apparently it was the outgrowth of a dispatch to the Petit Journal from St. Petersburg, saying: "Society is agitated over a mysterious drama which occurred at Tsarskoe-Selo. It is alleged that a nurse was about to put the infant heir to the Russian throne into a bath of boiling water, when the Empress intervened in time to save the child." The dispatch adds that all the domestic servants of the household have been dismissed. The foregoing is given under reserve.

Admiral Nazitoff Killed.

St. Petersburg, May 13.—Admiral Nazitoff was shot and killed by his orderly in his room today. The orderly fired three shots from a revolver at the admiral. The crime is attributed to the anger of the murderer at his dismissal from his duties as orderly and his being ordered to proceed to the front.

ALL ARE INVITED.

The Evangelistic Services Are Drawing Big Crowds and Are Increasing in Interest.

There were many new faces in the audience that greeted Evangelists Smiley and Hanson at the Presbyterian church last evening and not a few were tearful before the services were concluded. The subject of Mr. Smiley's sermon or rather, heart to heart talk, was: "How to Raise Children." The singing by Mr. Hanson and the volunteer choir upon which every Protestant denomination in the city is represented, was spirited and was "half the service." Rev. A. P. Morrison, D. D., Rev. J. L. Shively, Rev. George F. Sevier, Rev. Gabino Rendon and Rev. J. K. Wharton were the other divines present. "It was good to have been there" must have been the verdict of every one, old and young, who followed the sermon and the singing attentively.

Today, the evangelists had a strenuous day. At one o'clock this afternoon they conducted a meeting at the penitentiary. At 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church they held a children's service. Tonight at 7:45 o'clock an open air service will be held in the Plaza. Tomorrow the program is very full. At ten o'clock in the forenoon, a union Sunday School service will be held at St. John's Methodist Episcopal church; at eleven o'clock a union service at the Presbyterian church; at three o'clock in the afternoon, an open air service on the Plaza and in the evening at the Presbyterian church another union service. At the children's meeting this afternoon, Mr. Smiley read the lesson from the smallest Bible in the world, no larger than a thumbnail, yet containing the Scriptures complete.

Every person is invited to these services. Rev. Francis E. Smiley is a speaker of much power and holds the interest of his auditors throughout his sermons.

LAST SURVIVOR OF WAR OF 1812 DEAD.

Ava, N. Y., May 13.—Hiram Cronk, the only survivor of the war of 1812, died today, aged 105 years.

PEOPLE OF LEOPOLD WANT A SCHOOL.

The people of Leopold, a thriving mining camp in Grant County, have petitioned the county school superintendent for a school house in that camp. There are nearly one hundred children of school age in the vicinity of the camp. The petition asks for the establishment of a new school district, which will coincide with the lines of the precinct in which the camp is located. The commissioners will act on the matter at their meeting in July.

CAPTURES HIS MAN AFTER RUNNING FIGHT.

Cheama, one of the most vicious Indians on the Zuni Reservation, was captured and arrested last week by Under-sheriff DeShon of Gallup. The Indian is charged with the theft of government goods and when the attempt was made to arrest him he drew his gun and took to the mountains. After a running fight of about five miles, in which a number of shots were exchanged, Under-sheriff DeShon finally ran the brave to earth.

LOOKING UP A RAILROAD ROUTE.

Kansas City Men Will Make Trip Through Central New Mexico and Eastern Texas With Charles Closson of this City.

A party of Kansas City men consisting of J. P. Jewett, R. M. Moody, S. N. Lee and E. F. Johnson, and who spent several days in this city, left yesterday via the Santa Fe Central for Willard, from which station they propose to drive overland with Charles Closson, the livery stable keeper of this city, for several hundred miles across Central New Mexico and into Texas. It is understood this is with the object of examining a route for another railway which is to enter New Mexico from one of the railroad centers in Texas from the east. Charles Closson left yesterday with the necessary teams for this work and is expected to be gone from four to six weeks. The exact object of the party could not be ascertained and while it was said that the members of the party were to examine the surveyed route of the Eastern Railway of New Mexico from Willard to Texico and thence to a connection with the Santa Fe Railway System in Texas, it is believed that this is not the case but that the party was in reality looking for a feasible route for another railroad.

CATTLE SWAM THE RIVER.

Four Thousand Head Are Brought Over the Rio Grande Near El Paso Without Any Loss.

El Paso, May 13.—The successful swimming of 4,000 head of cattle across the Rio Grande during the flood season is a task that was never undertaken until this week, but it was accomplished without the loss of a single animal. The feat was performed under the supervision of John H. Hicks, general manager of the T. O. or Riverside Ranch, and many experienced cattle men who have been watching it, express surprise at the success of the undertaking. Many said that it could not be done, but Mr. Hicks thought differently and he proved that it could be done. The cattle are being shipped to the Dakotas and Mr. Hicks is in this city waiting for them to come in from Van Horn, to which point they were driven for loading. The cattle were brought over from Mexico at a point almost opposite Sierra Blanca.

WILL BUILD TO COAST.

President Early Says the Milwaukee Road Will Extend Lines From Chamberlain.

St. Paul, May 13.—A special dispatch from Mitchell, S. D., says a member of President Earling's party, which went to Chamberlain Thursday to look over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line, has stated that President Earling has authorized the announcement that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road would build from Chamberlain to the coast and would likewise build an extension of the Evans line across the reservation to some point in Wyoming not yet determined upon. The Chamberlain extension is to be completed first.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RENDERS HIS DECISION.

Washington, May 13.—In the opinion rendered by Attorney General Moody, regarding the Isthmian Canal Commission on the Isthmus of Panama, the attorney general holds that the law applies to those employees.

NAN PATTERSON HAS GONE TO HER HOME.

Washington, May 13.—Nan Patterson, accompanied by her father and Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, arrived in Washington this morning and proceeded to the home of her parents.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION KILLS TWENTY-TWO.

Budapest, May 13.—Twenty-two miners were killed here today by a premature explosion during blasting operations in the Almasy coal mine at Resicza.

DROPPED DEAD WHILE DEALING MONTE.

At Las Cruces on last Monday afternoon, while he was dealing monte in the Tip Top saloon, Cristobal Herrera fell over dead from heart failure. When picked up he had death's grip upon the pack of cards in his left hand and one card in his right. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

BOTH SIDES LOOK FOR A VICTORY.

Trinidad, May 13.—Judge Ross of the county court will, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, hand down a written decision in the Garcia J. U. Vigil county clerkship contest case. Both sides are very confident that they will win.

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

There will be a meeting tonight of Carleton Post, No. 3, G. A. R., at 8 o'clock in the Post hall. All comrades are urged to be present as arrangements are to be made for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

OFFICIAL MATTERS.

Observance of Memorial Day.

The following circular, No. 1, has just been issued from the office of the adjutant general of the New Mexico National Guard:

"It has been customary for many years for organizations of the National Guard of New Mexico to participate in the Memorial Day exercises at their home stations on May 30th of each year.

"It is urged that the present year be made no exception. No honor too great can be shown the dead, who gave up their lives in defense of the flag we all love, and who died that our country might live.

"Company commanders are requested to ascertain what exercises are to take place at their home stations on this day, and to offer the service of their organizations for parades or other ceremonies.

"In accordance with the United States Army regulations, company commanders will arrange for the National colors to be displayed at half staff on all armories, from sunrise to mid-day. At noon the flag will be hoisted to the top of the staff and will remain there until sunset.

"By order of

"MIGUEL A. OTERO,

"Governor and Commander in Chief."

"Official."

"A. P. TARKINGTON,

"Adjutant General."

General Orders Issued to National Guard.

The following general orders, No. 8,

have been issued from the office of Adjutant General A. P. Tarkington:

I. Having successfully passed the examination for promotion, First Lieutenant Edward J. McWenle, First Squadron of Cavalry, is promoted to rank of Captain, First Squadron of Cavalry, to date May 6, 1905. Captain Edward J. McWenle will report in person to the commanding officer, First Squadron of Cavalry, at Las Vegas.

II. Rev. Henry Watson Ruffner, is appointed chaplain of the First Regiment of Infantry with rank of Captain, to date April 25th, 1905. Chaplain Henry Watson Ruffner will report by letter to the commanding officer, First Regiment of Infantry, at Albuquerque.

III. Second Lieutenant Charles B. Merrill is relieved from duty with Company D, First Infantry, and will report by letter to the commanding officer, First Infantry, at Albuquerque, for assignment to other duties in the First Infantry.

IV. Second Lieutenant Wm. F. Lorenz, First Infantry, and Second Lieutenant S. C. McCrimmon, First Infantry, having tendered their resignations, on account of removal from the Territory, the same are accepted to date May 5, 1905. Lieutenants Lorenz and McCrimmon are honorably mustered out of military service of the Territory.

By order of

MIGUEL A. OTERO,

Governor and Commander in Chief.

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A. P. TARKINGTON,

Adjutant General.

Session Laws of 1905.

The New Mexican Printing Company commenced the delivery of the volumes of the Session Laws of 1905 to Territorial Secretary J. W. Raynolds. The New Mexican Printing Company was awarded the contract for this work last December. The Session adjourned March 16th and this is the first time that the volume of the laws, although it is larger and contains more pages than ever before, has been turned out so promptly. The proofs were read in the office of the secretary of the Territory three times and this in itself is a good deal of a job with the limited force in the office of that official. The volume contains 468 pages.

IMPROVEMENTS AT INDIAN AGENCY.

There is much activity around the Mesalero Indian agency, near Tularosa, these days. Two dormitories, a dining hall and a complete water works system are in course of construction. Work has been moving along slowly for some time and the buildings will be completed by December 1st, the time specified in the contracts. There are about thirty men employed at present.

WILL TEST NEW LAW IN DISTRICT COURT.

When the second judicial district court for McKinley County convenes at Gallup next week, it will be called upon to decide the legality of the new saloon law which recently went into effect, providing that no saloon should be operated in towns of less than 100 inhabitants. One of the four saloon keepers who are affected by this law in that county will make a test case of it.

EMBEZZLING BANKER RETURNS TO IOWA.

Cedar Rapids, May 13.—E. E. Snyder, the Olin banker who disappeared in March last, has returned to Iowa today. Snyder was arrested in St. Louis, charged with embezzling \$125,000.

CROKER'S SON FOUND DEAD

In a Car Seat on Santa Fe Train Near Newton, Kansas.

ON WAY TO IOI RANCH

Had Visited Opium Joint in Kansas City and Was in Dazed Condition When He Left.

Kansas City, May 13.—Local interest in the mysterious death on a train between Kansas City and Newton, Kansas, of Herbert V. Croker, son of Richard Croker of New York, centered today around Charles Wilson, a Coates House negro porter, who placed the young New Yorker on the train for the south on Thursday night. Wilson has been arrested and is held pending investigation. He tells a straight story of meeting young Croker in the bar room of the Coates House, where Wilson is employed; of conducting Croker to an opium joint, and later taking him to the train. At Newton, where the body is being held, a coroner's jury has begun an investigation of the cause of death. The train officials assert that there was no smell of liquor about Croker when he was found dead, and the coroner today paid particular attention to this phase, in the endeavor to determine whether or not Croker died from poison or from the effects of being drugged.

Identified by a Letter From Zack Mulhall.

Newton, Kans., May 13.—Herbert V. Croker was found dead in a car seat of a Santa Fe train just before the train arrived in this city yesterday. The body was taken from the train at this point. His identity did not become known until a message was received from Richard Croker, of New York several hours later asking the authorities to hold the remains and stating that he would leave the east immediately for Newton.

The first clue to Croker's identity was a letter found in the dead man's pocket addressed by Zach Mulhall, formerly of Oklahoma, who is now holding a wild west show in New York City, to Joseph S. Miller, manager of the famous "101" ranch, at Bliss, Oklahoma. Inquiry by telephone elicited the information that Croker was not known at the Bliss ranch. He was on the way to the ranch, it was learned.

Following a reply to the inquiry sent to New York one took charge of the matter and panelled a jury. An inquest was begun this afternoon.

Smoked Opium Too Fast.

Kansas City, May 13.—Chief of Police Hayes gives it as his opinion that Croker died from too rapid smoking of opium. "He smoked but a short time before train time," said the chief, "and evidently, an endeavor to make the best of it, took the drug too fast." Ahlee, the Chinaman in charge of the joint, says that Croker smoked five pills, but insists that when he left the place Croker, although a little unsteady, was capable of taking care of himself. A dispatch from Newton says that instructions have been received from Richard Croker, Sr., to embalm the body and an autopsy is not likely, although it could be held later.

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict.

Newton, Kansas, May 13.—The coroner's verdict in the case of Herbert V. Croker brought in a verdict today as follows: "We find that Herbert V. Croker came to his death on May 12, 1905, on Santa Fe train No. 17, while between Kansas City and Newton, from the effects of narcotic poisoning taken into his system at Kansas City before boarding the train, by means and manner unknown to this jury."

Father May Not Come Back From Europe.

New York, May 13.—No word has been received at the Croker home here today from Richard Croker, who had been cabled of the sudden death of his son on a train in Kansas. It is not believed the former Tammany leader will come to the funeral as his friends say his last voyage, made less than three months ago to attend the funeral of his son Frank, who was killed in an automobile accident, was a severe strain on Croker's strength.

WILL START MACHINERY.

Vice President Will Represent the President at Opening of Exposition, But Latter Will Push the Button.

Washington, May 13.—Vice President Fairbanks will represent President Roosevelt at the opening of the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland on June 1. Vice President Fairbanks had a conference with the President today, at which final arrangements were made. However, the President will start the machinery of the fair by electricity.